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CIA Won't Let Harvard Ban Recruiting—Turner

CIA Director Stansfield Turner said yesterday he will not comply with a Harvard University ban on covert recruiting of foreign students as CIA agents.

"If we were required to abide by the rules of every corporation, every academic institution, it would become impossible to do the required job for our country," Turner said. "Harvard does not have any legal authority over us."

In response to a direct question, Turner said the CIA would ignore the university's restriction.

Harvard President Derek C. Bok complained to a Senate committee this summer that the CIA covert recruiting threatens "the integrity and independence of the academic community."

Turner replied yesterday that corporations also engage in covert recruiting and added, "I think it's very dangerous for our country when a particular segment of our society — in this case the intelligence community — is singled out for discriminatory action." The CIA director made the comments on the CBS interview program *Face the Nation*.



Stansfield Turner reacts to Harvard rules.